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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PBOR, MILI, LE  
SUBJ: LEBANESE ARMY MOVE TO SOUTH

1. AT 1230 LOCAL G2 ABDO CALLED TO SAY THAT ISRAELIS HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO INTIMIDATE LEBANESE BUT HAD NOW FRIGHTENED UNIFIL. HE SAID THAT CHRISTIAN ELEMENTS IN MARJAYOUN HAD THREATENED NORWEGIAN BATTALION THAT THEY WOULD FIRE ON THEM IF THEY ALLOWED LEBANESE ARMY TO GO THROUGH THEIR AREA. COMMANDER OF NORWEGIAN BATTALION HAD THEREUPON SENT MESSAGE TO UNIFIL HEADQUARTERS AT NAQURAH SAYING THAT "UNIFIL SHOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO PREVENT LEBANESE AUTHORITIES FROM SENDING ARMY TO UNIFIL AREA OF OPERATIONS." ABDO SAID LEBANESE COULD NOT MOVE INTO SOUTH WITHOUT UNIFIL SUPPORT.

2. BOUTROS THEN CALLED IN STATE OF CONSIDERABLE AGITATION. HE SAID EVERYBODY HAD TOLD LEBANESE THEY MUST SEND TROOPS TO SOUTH AND NOW NO ONE WAS PREPARED TO HELP THEM. THE FRENCH WOULDN'T HELP THEM, THE AMERICANS WOULDN'T HELP THEM AND THE UN WOULD NOT HELP THEM. THE LEBANESE HAD BEEN RIGHT TO DELAY SENDING ARMY SOUTH BECAUSE THEY KNEW WHAT TO EXPECT THE ISRAELIS. THE ISRAELIS DID NOT WANT LEBANESE TROOPS

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THERE AND WERE DOING EVERYTHING THEY COULD TO PREVENT THEIR ENTRY INTO THE AREA.

3. I SAID I HOPED HE DID NOT REALLY MEAN TO INCLUDE THE AMERICANS IN THE LIST OF PEOPLE WHO WERE NOT HELPING, BECAUSE WE HAD BEEN DOING EVERYTHING WE COULD TO SUPPORT THEIR MOVEMENT. I DID NOT KNOW WHAT THE EXPLANATION WAS FOR THE

NORWEGIAN COMMANDER'S POSITION BUT WOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH  
PEOPLE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO SEE WHAT WE COULD DO ABOUT IT.  
I THEN CALLED DRAPER WHO IS TO CALL NEWLIN.

4. REQUEST JERUSALEM CHECK WITH UNTSO TO SEE IF THEY CAN  
GET A MORE AUTHORITATIVE VERSION OF WHAT IS GOING ON AT  
KAWKABA. LEBANESE CAN PROBABLY WAIT AT KAWKABA FOR A DAY  
OR TWO, BUT GOL RESOLVE WILL MELT VERY RAPIDLY AFTER THAT AND  
WE CAN THEN FORGET ABOUT ARMY MOVING IN BEFORE UNIFIL MANDATE  
COMES UP FOR RENEWAL. PARKER

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